

United States Senate

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May 17, 2013

Mr. Michael J. Ward
Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer
CSX Corporation
Corporate Headquarters
500 Water Street, 15th Floor
Jacksonville, FL 32202

Dear Mr. Ward,

I write in support of the application submitted by RACER Trust Property for CSX to designate Massena, New York as a CSX Certified Rail-Served Site through your Select Site Program.

Situated on the St. Lawrence Seaway near the Canadian border, Massena, New York is a community that is committed to attracting new industrial operations. RACER Trust has been actively working with the town of Massena to repurpose and redevelop the site of the former Massena Powertrain Plant, which is 217.2-acre industrial property. The former Massena Powertrain Plant has access to exceptional transportation facilities, including a deep-water Port a short distance away in Ogdensburg, NY, and is in close proximity to major markets in the Northeastern United States and in the Montreal-Toronto corridor of Canada. Additionally, spanning the U.S.-Canadian border at Massena is the international hydroelectric St. Lawrence-Franklin D. Roosevelt Power Project, which produces some of the cleanest and cheapest power in North America. The Northern New York region that Massena is located in is also home to a well-trained workforce that is experienced in manufacturing processes and is made up of craftsmen including Master Machinists, computer programmers, engineers and other skilled workers.

I believe these assets make this site fully capable of accommodating larger, rail-served industrial end-users, positioning it as a perfect fit for CSX's Certified Rail-Served Sites Select Site Program. If successful in securing this designation, the Massena site will be even better positioned to attract new industrial operations, with CSX's program further helping communities prepare properties to compete for new investment and job creation.

I ask that you please give this application your full consideration. If you have any questions, or desire further information, please do not hesitate to contact my staff member Jon Cardinal at (202) 224-4451.

Sincerely,

Kirsten E. Gillibrand

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